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Examiner: EPPERSON, J.D.

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Title: ARYLSULFONE LINKERS FOR MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the official action mailed on January 5, 2004, the applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Included with this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time and requisite fee.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this response.